

Shalom dear supporters and friends of The Olim Fund of the Land of Israel,

Greetings from once again war torn Israel. I am delighted to say that it appears the IDF is on the brink of achieving a great victory over the Hamas terrorists who have been rocketing our southern cities for many months. We thank you so very much for your prayers and your continued faithful support of our fund that is focused on relieving the most serious of the emergency survival needs of our olim (immigrants).

We are very aware of how difficult the economy has become in the United States and we are so very grateful that you nevertheless made it possible for us to distribute more than \$4,000 at our meeting last evening. While this is about 40% of what we were able to distribute before the current economic crisis we were nevertheless able to reach out to twelve olim recipients who were in particularly grave situations, overviews of which are provided in the attached report.

We were deeply touched by these hurting dear ones as we know you will be when you review their often desperate situations.

Once again, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your loving outreach.

With many blessings,

Bob Fischer
Founder and Managing Director

Olim Fund of the Land of Israel

Monthly distributions for December, 2008

Family Size	Location	Monthly Income	Overview of Situation Funded	Gift
1	Jerusalem	\$788	This 80 year old widow is a new immigrant who is entirely alone and lives in a small apartment under marginally survivable circumstances. She is in dire need of full mouth dentures and has no means to pay for them. This gift will partially meet this need.	\$424
3	Jerusalem	\$971	This 52 year old widow supports her two children, both of whom have serious chronic health issues. She also is seriously ill with cancer and requires medications that are not included in her government provided "basket." Moreover, because of her condition she is unable to adequately care for her children and needs assistance. This gift will partially meet these needs.	\$308
1	Sederot	\$557	This 58 year old woman was abandoned by her husband when she became 100% disabled. She lives alone in war torn Sederot and is unable to work. Her small stipend from the government is insufficient to provide her with urgently needed dental care. This gift will partly meet this need.	\$318
1	Sederot	\$725	This 70 year old holocaust survivor lives alone in Sederot on a marginal stipend from the government which is insufficient to provide beyond his minimal survival level needs. Among his many requirements he has no means of heating water. This gift will provide partial payment of a solar water heating system.	\$292
2	Sederot	\$849	This 72 year old man and his wife live alone in a small apartment. He is seriously ill with cancer and recently had his stomach surgically removed. He consequently must eat several small meals each day but they have no means to cook or heat food. This gift is to provide for this need.	\$292

1	Sederot	\$725	This 76 year old Holocaust survivor lives utterly alone in a small apartment in Sederot. He urgently needs both a hearing aide for his one still partly functioning ear and glasses. He is not able to pay for either of these from his small stipend. This gift will partially offset the cost of the hearing aide.	\$398
6	Afula	\$716	The head of this family with four young children was seriously injured while on the job. His employer duped him into claiming that this injury occurred at home so as to avoid financial responsibility. He did so, then was fired soon afterwards. He now, after several months of recovering at home, has a new job but will not receive his first salary of \$1061 until the end of February. Consequently, they have fallen far behind in both rent and utility payments. Their electricity has been terminated and the gas company is about to do the same. This gift will partially pay for the outstanding utility bills in order to restore them until they are able to resume payment themselves.	\$531
6	Nazareth Illit	\$623	This 54 year old new immigrant from Ethiopia is divorced and attempting to support four children and one grandchild on a small government stipend. None of her children are able to work for various medical reasons and the husband of the one married daughter with the infant she is supporting is in prison. This gift is for such basic needs as food and clothing for the children, and for school supplies.	\$276
3	Nazareth Illit	\$764	This divorced mother of two young children receives no support from her former husband. Recently, a water main to her apartment ruptured and was not repaired by the city until a huge amount of water was lost which they deemed was her responsibility. This gift is to help offset the cost of the repair and lost water.	\$182
3	Nahariya	\$804	This 73 year old pensioner lives with her daughter and grandchild who are not able to pay for their own dental care much less her own. This gift provided urgently needed dental care in our associated clinic in Haifa.	\$531
1	Nazareth Illit	\$584	This 64 year old single woman is 75% disabled and unable to work. Her small government stipend was insufficient to provide her with urgently needed dental care which has been partly provided by this gift in our associated clinic in Haifa.	\$531

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